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SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN TALKS OVERTAKEN BY POSSIBLE NEW YORK
CONSULTATIONS

1. ALL MOVEMENT TOWARD HOLDING HUMANITARIAN TALKS AT LEDRA PALACE HAS NOW STOPPED PENDING GOC AND TURK CYPRIOT CONSIDERATION OF UNSYG SUGGESTION THAT INTERLOCUTORS PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN COME TO NEW YORK FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM. SENIOR UN OFFICIALS, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND DUTCH AMBASSADOR HAVE BEEN ENGAGING IN FLURRY OF CONSULATIONS WITH THE TWO NEGOTIATORS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF BOTH GOING TO NEW YORK IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

2. APPARENTLY UN THINKING IS THAT TWO NEGOTIATORS WOULD COME TO NEW YORK FOR "CONSULTATIONS" WITH UNSYG BUT THAT THEY WOULD ALSO MEET TOGETHER IN NIN-INTERCOMMUNAL TALK FORUM TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF A RESUMED VIENNA-TYPE NEGOTIATION AT A LATER DATE. IN ESSENCE THIS WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF EARLIER IDEA OF "WORKING-LEVEL TALKS" AT THE LEDRA PALACE IN WHICH LOCAL UN OFFICIALS WOULD TRY TO INJECT A POLITICAL ELEMENT INTO HUMANITARIAN TALKS.

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3. CURRENT STATUS IS THAT PAPADOPOULOS HAS AGREED TO GO TO NEW YORK. ONLY CONDITION IS THAT THE VIENNA V CRITERIA MUST BE FOLLOWED, I.E., NO DEVOLUTION TO SUB COMMITTEES WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA FORUM AND

WITHOUT AT LEAST SOME AGREEMENT ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.
ACCORDING UN SOURCES HERE, TURK CYPRIOT SIDE HAD NOT BEEN
RESPONSIVE TO UN INQUIRIES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8, WHEN THEY
APPARENTLY RECEIVED ADVICE FROM GOT THAT ONAN SHOULD ACCEPT
UNSYG INVITATION. IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM TURK CYPRIOT RESPONSE,
HOWEVER, THAT ONAN WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO ALLOW HIMSELF
TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH PAPADOPOULOS DURING NEW YORK CON-
SULTATIONS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE
LOBBYING FOR HUMANITARIAN TALKS OR WHETHER WE SHOULD TURN
OUR EFFORT TO PRESSING FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS IN
NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS.
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